

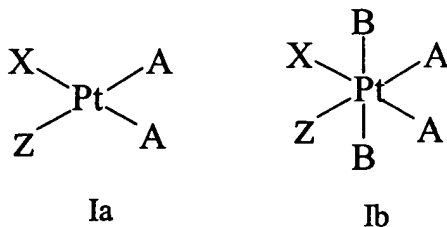
I. AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A *cis*-platinum complex of the formula Ia or Ib



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

wherein:

each A is independently halo, hydroxy or carboxylate;

each B is independently halo, hydroxy, carboxylate, carbamate ester or carbonate ester;

Z is a substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic amine selected from the group consisting of pyrazole, imidazole, oxazole and pyrazine, said heterocyclic amine having at least one alkyl substituent, wherein said alkyl substituent sterically hinders access of the Pt atom to a DNA strand of a tumor cell, and wherein all substituents on the heterocycle are alkyl substituents; and

X is NH₃ or mono- or dialkyl substituted NH₃.

14. (Amended) The complex of claim 1 wherein Z is 1,3,5-trimethylpyrazole.

15. (Amended) The complex of claim 1 wherein said alkyl substituent is coupled to the heterocycle at a position one atom removed from the coordination atom in said heterocycle.

Please cancel claims 2, 8-13 and 21.